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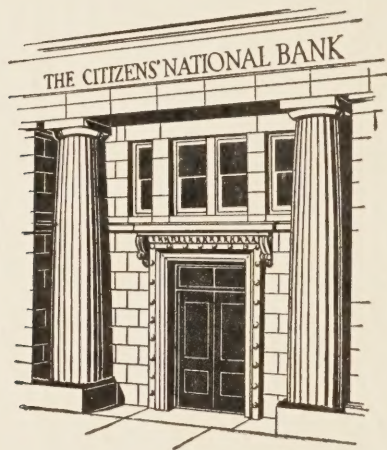
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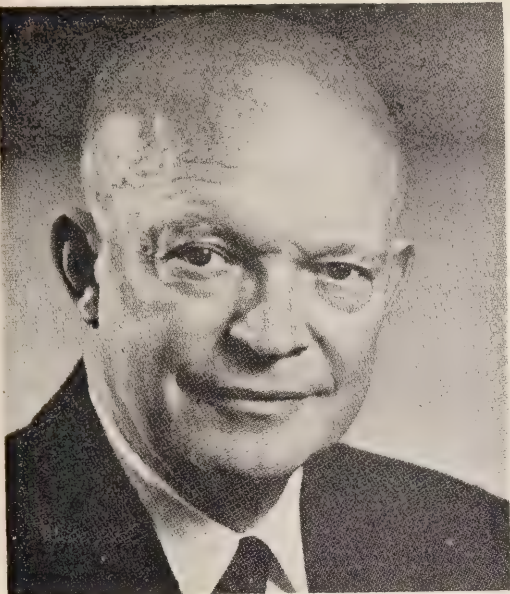
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Dear Mr. Tucker:

Through Congressman A. D. Baumhart, Jr., I have learned of the 150th anniversary of The Firelands Tract, and it is a pleasure to join in the observance of this event.

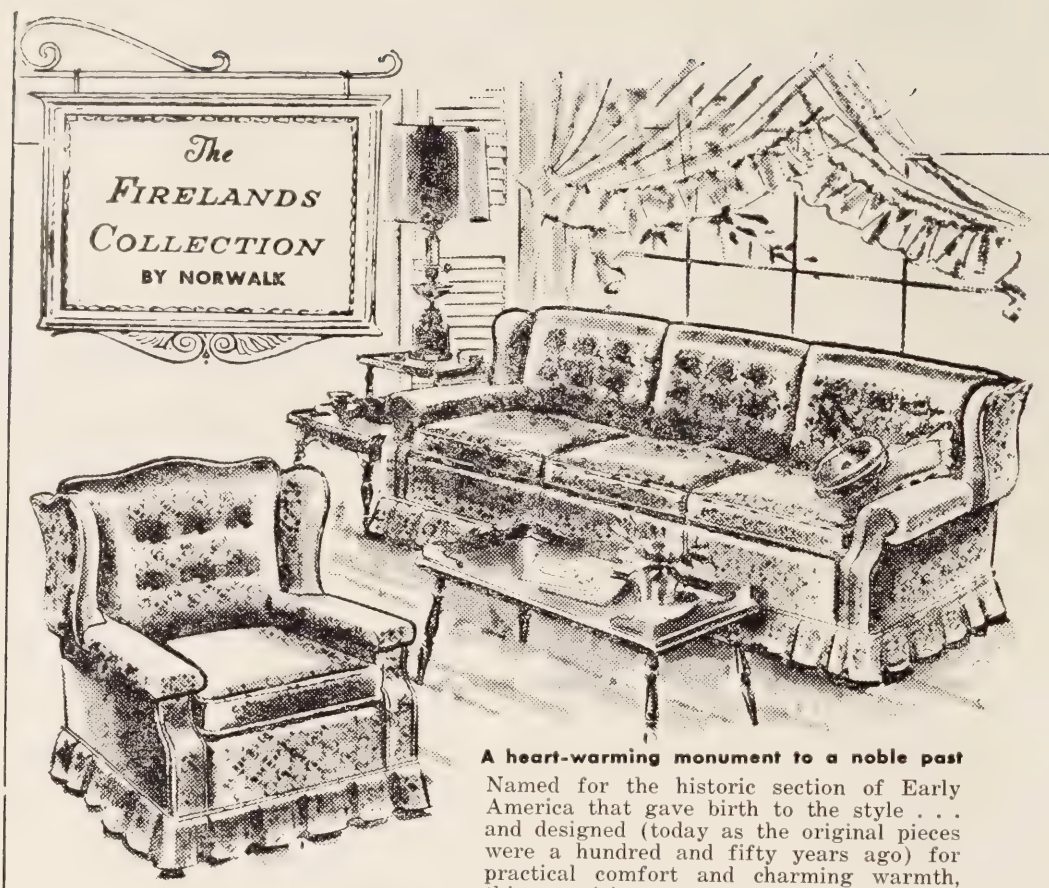
Out of adversity came opportunity. Long ago, as dispossessed settlers from New England were given new homelands in Ohio, they were able to build again with strength and courage. Their story is a proud part of the traditions of this area.

All of you have my warm best wishes for a successful celebration.

Sincerely,

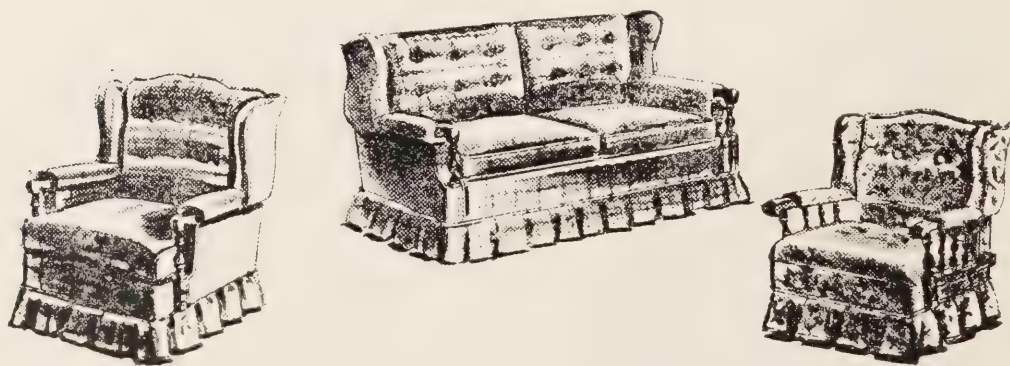
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My dear Mayor Frey:

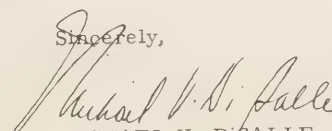
One hundred and fifty years in the life of a community this poses somewhat of an anomaly - short on history and long in tradition.

As Norwalk participates in the sesquicentennial celebrations of the Western Reserve Firelands, commemorating the area assigned to 1800 settlers who had suffered from the fires brought on by Benedict Arnold and the British Tories, I wish to extend through you to all of the people my congratulations.

May this early seat of history and culture continue to influence the development of our state.

My best wishes.

Sincerely,


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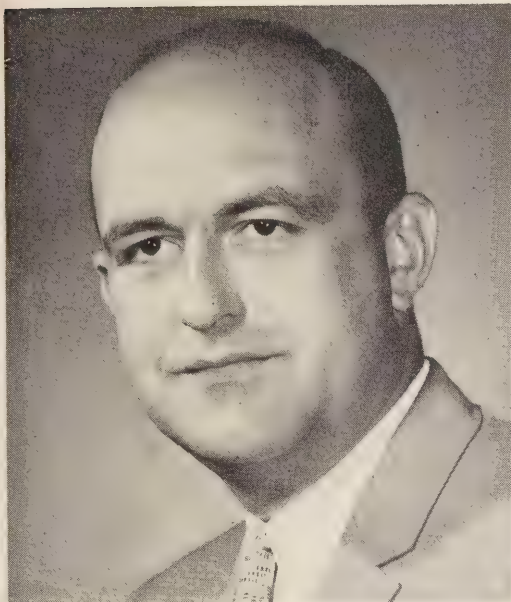
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Ever since the arrival of the first settlers in 1809, The Firelands has met every challenge, from the days when farming was virtually the only enterprise to the present time when hundreds of industries offer employment to thousands of wage earners in the area.

When Platt Benedict and Elisha Whittlesey laid out the Village of Norwalk in 1810 the most imaginative could not have envisioned our City of Norwalk of today - practically the geographic heart of industrial America.

Today's residents of Norwalk and The Firelands are justifiably proud of their churches, schools and homes, all in the beautiful natural setting that is The Firelands area. We are likewise proud of the residents of this area and of the many distinguished former citizens who have achieved success in other communities.

I am grateful to the Sesquicentennial committee and all people who have helped in any way to make our celebration such a momentous occasion.

Celebration of the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the settlement of The Firelands permits us a pleasurable occasion to review days gone by, but it also affords us a point of view from which to look forward to see the challenge of the future of this community.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Louis G. Frey".

LOUIS G. FREY
MAYOR, CITY OF NORWALK

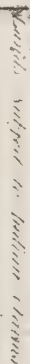
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THAT TITLE REFERS TO THE EMBERS LEFT BY THE DISASTROUS FIRES SET BY RUFFIAN BRITISH SOLDIERS DURING THE REVOLUTION. AT THAT TIME NINE TOWNS IN CONNECTICUT WERE PLUNDERED AND BURNED AND THE CITIZENS MASSACRED. THOSE TOWNS WERE GROTON, NEW HAVEN, DANBURY, FAIRFIELD, NEW LONDON, NORWALK, GREENWICH, RIDGEFIELD AND EAST HAVEN.

Finally, after long years of indescribable deprivation and suffering by the survivors, in May 1792 by way of compensating the "fire sufferers" for their losses, The Assembly voted land grants "to be divided to and among the said sufferers and their legal representatives where they are dead in proportion to the several sums annexed to their names as follows in the annexed list." The total amount of losses awarded was 161,918 pounds, 11 shillings, and 6½ pence, (Equivalent to \$538,495.26) and the number of sufferers was listed as 1870.

To make the foregoing compensation, the State of Connecticut, prior to the sale to the Connecticut Land Company, released and suit-claimed to the fire sufferers 500,000 acres, to be taken from the western end of the Western Reserve. The land was known as THE SUFFERER'S Land, or Fire-Lands.

Throughout this Souvenir Book are recorded highlights of greatly-cherished vital history. History made in the development of this aggressive, thriving community Where The People Take Pride In Progress.



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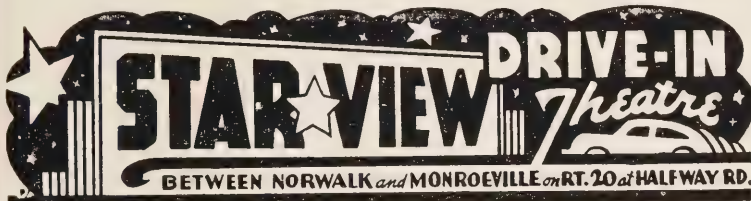
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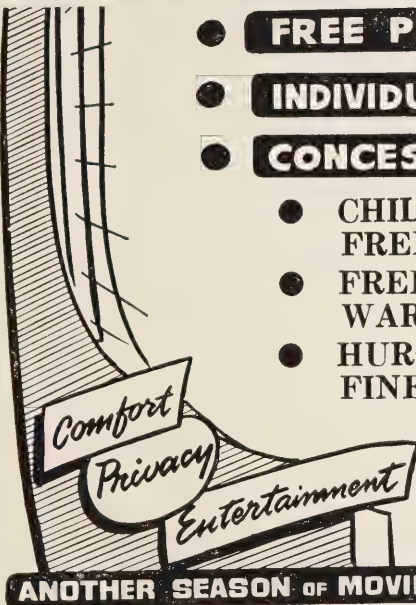
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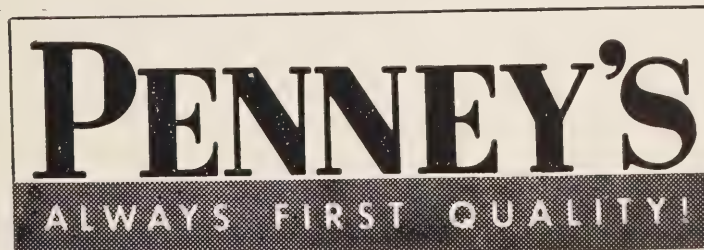


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Paul L. Carpenter

President
Norwalk Chamber of Commerce



Street Fair, early, EARLY days. Norwalk.



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JOHNNY APPLESEED

One of the most interesting of those characters connected with the early settlement of the Firelands was John Chapman, known as Johnny Appleseed. He was believed to have been born in Massachusetts in 1775. He first made his appearance in Ohio in 1801 and some years later we find him living with Caleb Palmer in New Haven Twp. There he stayed during the War of 1812, though he was frequently absent on pilgrimages. He was a most unusual character, apparently of some education. At an early date he delivered the Fourth of July address at Bronson and was considered eloquent. He had little use for money, always giving whatever he had as gifts to poorer settlers. He had no permanent home and his dress was a medly of cast-off clothes. Being a vegetarian, he refused to harm any animal or insect, even though it might be dangerous to him. He was a primitive Christian, a Swedenborgian. His great mission in life was the preparation of the wild western country for the pioneers and succeeding generations by planting apple orchards in advance of the outposts of civilization. He cleared the ground, planted the trees and built fences to keep out the deer. He obtained his seeds from cider mills in western Pennsylvania, and usually carried them through the wilderness in a leather bag, although sometimes he carried them in a wagon drawn by an old horse turned loose by some settler. He planted nurseries in a number of counties in Ohio, which required him to travel hundreds of miles to look after them yearly.

One of those nurseries was in New Haven, Ohio, near the east margin of the marsh. After the war of 1812 he continued to visit the township and was as well known there as in any part of Ohio. About 1830 he pushed farther west to be ready for the pioneers there. His death has been recorded as about 1847.



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EARLY SETTLEMENTS AND TOWNS

HISTORICAL BRIEFS

NORWALK

Coming here from Danbury, Conn., Platt Benedict founded the town of Norwalk in the year of 1817. He and Elisha Whittlesey first visited this state in 1815. Almon Ruggles was the official surveyor. Mr. Benedict and Mr. Ruggles contrived to have the County Seat moved from Ft. Avery (which is now in Erie Co.) to Norwalk in 1818. Norwalk was incorporated by act of Legislature February 11, 1828. The first election was held May 5, 1828. The poll book and tally show that 69 male members voted on that day.

MILAN

In the year 1787 brave Moravian missionaries founded a settlement on the banks of the Huron River, first called New Salem. The first white settlers of this region were hunters who came in the year 1808. Ebenezer Merry, the founder of the town of Milan, located there in 1811. The town was laid out in 1816 and it was named Beatty in honor of the man from whom Merry had purchased the land. As a result of the opening of the Canal in 1839 (details elsewhere in this book) Milan adopted the slogan "Greatest Grain Port in the World." The Milan Ship Canal was completed in 1839, at a cost of \$75,000. Milan ranked as a leading wheat port, 1839-64, second only to Odessa, Russia. The shipbuilding industry flourished here. Seventy-five vessels, including six revenue cutters for the government, were built between 1814 and 1867.

WILLARD

The village of Chicago Junction was incorporated in 1882. It is considered a "rather young" town. In '84 the population was 800. In the early 1900's the name was changed to Willard, in honor of the president of the B & O R.R., which at one time built and made Willard the town it was. On June 1, 1874 the first train passed over the road to Deshler, and by July of the same year the track extended to Defiance. By November the railroad had reached South Chicago. In 1875 the town of Willard was started, with a small depot and hotel, a round house and shops for the railroad. In the same year the first post office was established.

NORTH FAIRFIELD

The first clearing in this village was made in 1816 by the widow Sample, who came with her family of nine children from Connecticut. After many hardships she was joined by others. Jacob Rush later married widow Sample. In 1817 several more families — Day, Moffet, Harkness, Baker, Frost — joined this little group and lived three difficult years in the wilderness. In 1820 Aaron Smith, from Fairfield, Conn. arrived. The first road was cut through the forest by General Harrison's troops. The New State Road was built in 1825. The first store was opened by Ezra Smith in 1831. The town was first named Greenfield, then Steamburg and finally North Fairfield. At one time there were six "steam powers" in the village — a steam mill, wool carding establishment, grist mill, oil mill, iron foundry and machine shop.

VERMILION

Vermilion was incorporated by a special act of the legislature in 1837. The first record of an election bears the date April 6, 1839. The first Mayor was Joseph B. Clark. The name Vermilion was given to the site by the Indians because of the color of clay they found along the banks of one of the creeks. Capt. Wm. Austin was, perhaps, the first white man to locate here. He was a friend of Commodore Perry and built the first boat launched from those shores. Benjamin Brooks, who was captured by the Indians while a young man, became accustomed to their way of life so could do much successful bartering with them for the townfolk. Many Dutch settlers came to Vermilion and settled there. They soon became well known for their hard work, thrift and unbounded hospitality.

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GREENWICH

Greenwich Township received its name from Greenwich, Fairfield County, Connecticut. Greenwich was attached to New Haven in 1815. In 1819 Greenwich, Fitchville and Hartland were united and an election was held in that year to choose officers for the District. In 1823 Greenwich was organized as a separate township.



THOMAS ALVA EDISON, 1847-1931. On the back porch of his home in Milan, August 11, 1923.

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OLD WAKEMAN

EARLY SETTLEMENTS AND TOWNS, Continued

W A K E M A N

The first family in Wakeman Twp. was that of Augustin Canfield, who started from Milford, Conn. with his wife and four children, his Brother Burton, Johnson and his hired man, for the Firelands on April 29, 1817. They arrived in Wakeman on May 23rd. At first built a very primitive log cabin and did their cooking out of doors. They soon found it necessary to build a more substantial cabin. At this time Burton Canfield returned to Connecticut. In five or six years he returned, with his family, to settle in the Township.

The next family was that of Amial P. Pierce, who came by ox team from Connecticut with his wife, four children and a hired man. Next came Samuel Bristol with his wife and one son. In the fall of 1817 came Erastus French, a young single man, who was welcomed into the community. In 1818 they were glad to have their first doctor, Harmon M. Clark and his wife. These early settlers experienced the customary hardships endured by pioneers; plus Indians, weather, and one another.

H U R O N

The exact date of the first occupation by white settlers is uncertain. The French had a trading post at the mouth of the Huron River about 1749, but it was abandoned before the Revolution. Moravian Missionaries, a few white settlers and Indians located on the southern corner of Huron and the northern corner of Milan Twp., but abandoned that settlement previous to the Revolution. However, there were still a few Moravians, Indians, and a white preacher in their midst in 1808. When John Baptiste Flemond, or Fleming, born in Montreal, came to the Twp. It is said he claimed to have arrived in 1790 with a stock of goods to trade with the Indians and to trade for furs. He located on the east bank of the Huron River about two miles from the mouth. It is said weary pioneers always found welcome in his cabin, as did the early surveyors. Jared Ward and his family came to the Township in the spring of 1808. Almon Ruggles moved his family to Huron in June 1808. Jacob Wright also came in 1808, Cyrus Downing in 1809 and Jeremiah Daniels about the same time. Other early settlers were Major Hiram Russell in 1809, who had the first Tavern in Huron; Jonathan Sprague in 1810, Amost Smith about the same year. The town of Huron is said to have been settled longer than any other town in the Firelands.

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SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

PROLOGUE: This lovely, colorful scene is dedicated to the Queen and her Court of Honor. It features the youth of our community in a dramatic salute to Norwalk's Sesquicentennial Jubilee Celebration.

SCENE ONE "The Village Was Pequotting"

One of splendor, this scene takes us back to "pre-settler" days in the Firelands. It shows an actual Indian village and is highlighted by seven authentic Indian dances.

SCENE TWO: "The Firelands of Ohio-Norwalk Township"

"Fascinating" is what you say when you see the arrival of this actual wagon train. "Magnificent" is the word to describe the lighting and the scenery, and "Glorious" is the entire scene as it is climaxed by the square dance.

SCENE THREE: "The Sabbath Day"

This scene we humbly present as a representative religious sequence in the lives of our pioneer forefathers.

SCENE FOUR: "Norwalk's Academy Days"

Both humorous and educational, the Academy scene shows one of the first schools in Norwalk.

SCENE FIVE: "Memories Are Made of This"

Who could forget the private boarding and finishing schools that were famous in Huron County, and the young ladies who always gave the teacher a problem.

SCENE SIX: "The Horse and Buggy Days"

When young Thomas Alva Edison . . . the Fisher Brothers . . . and the early pioneers were invited to Norwalk, it was a great occasion and the town had an air of celebration. This scene takes us back to that wonderful day and features the favorite dance of the time, the Virginia reel.

SCENE SEVEN: "The Tin-Type Gay 90's"

This period of bikes and bustles is shown in these next few minutes as nearly 100 people take us back to the Gay 90's, introduces us to Mr. Theodore A. Willard, and one of the most famous dances of the 90's the Can-Can.

SCENE EIGHT: "To the Cause of Democracy"

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SCENE NINE: "The Roaring Twenties"

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SCENE TEN: "The Siege for Freedom"

Norwalk, like all American cities, was shocked by the brutal attack on Pearl Harbor. A young Girl and Boy take us back to that fatal day. . . this scene is presented as recognition to those heroic citizens.

SCENE ELEVEN: "The Atomic Age"

After the war came a new era. . . it was to be called "The Atomic Age". As a means of presenting a representative scene, we will now present an Atomic Blast. . . replica, of course.

SCENE TWELVE: "The Citizens of Tomorrow"

Tribute is paid to the small fry, the teenager and the youth of our Community. The destiny of our land and the living is in their futures.

SCENE THIRTEEN: "A Salute to Norwalk's Sesquicentennial Jubilee"

Featuring the entire pageant cast, we salute the past and future with a mammoth 150 happy birthdays.

THE CAST OF "FROM THOSE EMBERS"

PROLOGUE

BATON TWIRLER Joan Johannsen

TRUMPETERS Mary Reineck
Cheryl Sadler, Jean Reineck, Margaret Reineck, Dottie Colish, Norma Wise, Sue Leidorff, Stephanie Schillig.

BAND & COLOR GUARD ... Firelands Post 2743, V. F. W.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Larry Werner, Ricky Werner, Charles Werner, Michael Dawson, Russell Holmes, Frank Ryle, Walter Eastman, Cal Hetter, Bill Daugherty, Bill Esker, Bob Reichert, Charles Furey, Bill Lodermeier, Jim Reichert, John Pommersheim, Bob Pommersheim, Bob Jackson, Kenneth Mann, Leslie McIntyre.

GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Nancy Pool, Paulie Angelas, Patty Clarke, Sandra Wood, June Hohenberger, Patty Terry, Dianna Hamilton, Susan Fleming, Pat Smith, Susan Rogers, Janet Goodsite, Nancy Elder, Carol Thomas, Jacquelyn Tuttle, Kay Thomas, Sandra Winchester, Barbara Schaffer, Beth Ann Haeuptle, Karen Landoll, Iris Winbell, Nancy Krieg, Sandra Wood, Nancy Perkins, Barbara Keirns, Marguarite Cook, Ann Brown, Elaine Timmerman, Janet Weisenberger, Janean Keefer, Nancy LaRonde, Joan LaRonde, Jean McPherson, Hedy Rowe, Janet Gahring, Sonia Wallenstein, Christie Miller, Mary Palmer, Dianne Kennedy.

CUB SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Randy Miller, Patrick Gorman, Randy Bartow, Daryl Meyer, Doug Joyce, Bill Dreyer, Thomas Myers, Bryan Sherrill, Berry Woodyard, James O'Donnell, John Dials, David Timmerman.

BROWNIES OF AMERICA

Marie Schaafsma, Christine Warner, Barbara Lehman, Karen Hamilton, Deborah Albright, Rebecca Osborn, Carla Doubledde, Juliette Winkler, Marsha Bowen, Janell White, Alice Truxell, Deborah Holtz, Loretta Bishman, Linda Wilson, GERALYN Windau, Donna Heston, Kyle Taylor, Olivia White, Peggy Elder, Janice Cook, JoEllen White.

SAILORETTES

Joyce Gfell, Margaret Lindenberger, Mary Sitterly, Janet Shelley, Janet Wilson, Mary Lou Gfell, Beverly Bess, Sandy Haynes, Judy Anderson, Sharon Meesig.

DeMOLAYS OF NORWALK

Bill Comer, Kirby Scott, Bruce Ward, Jim Hicks, Dave Service, Nelson Meyers, Jim Cole, Pat Taylor, John Cross, Andy Latham, Duane Ringle.

CADETS OF AMERICA

Marcella Hippler, Ruth Gies, Caroline Hippler, Katherine Lucas, Betty Theisen, Marge Stoll, Nancy Frederick, Katherine Baisch, Donna Schauss, Jennifer Ross.

NATIONS QUEENS

Sandy Barr, Carol Souslin, Lydia Koslow, Marsha Arcuri, Lois Dalton, Janet Dalton, Ruth Ann Johannsen, Kathleen Wechter.

FIRELANDS SESQUICENTENNIAL QUEEN QUEEN'S COURT AND ESCORTS QUEEN'S TRAIN BEARERS

Nancy Ann Lantz, Jocelyn Ann Lantz, Edward Ashley, William Ashley.

EPISODE ONE - THE VILLAGE WAS PEQUOTTING

Chief Dick Bistline

Medicine Man Bill Bond

Rev. Christian Frederick Dencke Ray Dendinger

Horsemen

David Bistline, John Baumeier, Tom Ziegler.

Braves

Tom Bond, Dave Bond, Paul Craft, Jim Hintz, Marvin Atherton, Randy McDaniel, Hugh Schimpff.

Princess Leota Atherton

Squaws

Elaine Gfell, Helen Gfell, Alice Shantz, Anna Von Seggern, Diane Earl, Mary Wade, Kay Wilkin, Janet Garner, Martha Frey, Carol Minniear, Margaret Fritz, Charlotte Schimpff, Sandy Dendinger.

Indian Dancers

Shirley Root, Lynn Casper, Penny Sanger, Karen Smith, Nancy Albritton, Janie Signs, Kathy McNeal, Jolynn Joyce, Kay Lohr, Jorie Ellis, Leslie Ellis, Dianne Fowler, Julia Sturgeon, Elaine Timmerman, Barbara Kluding, Lois Blackert, Carol Perry, Sue Renneckar, Kathy Orr, Lynn Walls, Anna Gregory, Rita Gregory, Linda Shere, Marilyn Meesig.

Boys

Wayne Statzer, Johnny Wilken, Jess Hintz, Tom Kittle, Royal Chisholm.

Girls

Ruth Statzer, Pauline Statzer, Vicki Wilkin, Linda Hinckley, Lillie Hintz, Charrlee Chisholm.

EPISODE TWO - FIRELANDS OF OHIO

Platt Benedict Frank Burton

Sally Benedict Audrey Burton

Five Benedict Children

Vicki Burton, Mickey Knoll, Susie Knoll, Randy Miller, David Preston.

Traveling Pioneers

Mr. Lockwood Harold P. Collier

Mr. Gibbs Donald Smith

Pioneers

Luke Keeler family

Ralph McPherson, Ira McPherson, Bette Smith

Seth Jennings Donald Smith

Burwill Whitlock Roy Palm

Henry Hurlbut Edwin Woodworth

Almost Abbott family Ray Fishbaugh family

Mr. Tice Herman Schaafsma

Capt. James Bangs Eddie Miller

William Benton H. Meyer

John Fay Mike Keefer

Erastus Finney Douglas Brown

THE CAST OF "FROM THOSE EMBERS" (Cont.)

Daniel Tilden Larry Patton
 Daniel Raitt William Wise
 Rev. Hanford Dennis Brown
 Mr. & Mrs. Forsythe Bob Smith & Helen Woodworth
 Lady at Organ Ira McPherson
 Wedding Plans Announcer Mrs. Roy Palm
 Lady to Patch Pants Mrs. Paul Vogel
 Leader of Prayers Paul Vogel
 Wagon Master Howard Knoll

Square Dancers

Mrs. & Mrs. John Wood, Margaret Harris, Roy Dendinger, Mr. & Mrs. Glen Ward, Edwin Woodworth, Donna Patton, Lois Dendinger, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Preston, Diane Preston, Sherry Dendinger, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Collier, Mrs. Jack Collier, Larry Patton, Bill Comer, Mrs. Christena Johannsen, Caroline Kluding, Mr. & Mrs. Herman Schaafsma, Marie Schaafsma, Carol Schaafsma, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Fishbaugh, Linda Fishbaugh, Carol Fishbaugh, Lou Ann Fishbaugh, Joan Schaafsma.

Wagon Drivers Mr. & Mrs. Minor Bedford

EPISODE THREE - OUR SABBATH DAY

Indian Princesses

Gwen Robinson, Mary Beth Packard.

Salvation Army

Lt. Earl Foster, Betty Maret, Nancy Maret, Rose Franklin, Pamela Martin, David Richards, Sandra Hill, David Hill, Clayton Hill, Richard Franklin, Terry Martin, Frances Saxton.

Baptist Church: Minister

Vernon Cone
 Allen Norris, Wanda Norris, Stanley Norris, Charles Moss, Hazel Ward, Cornelia Ward.

Presbyterian Church: Minister

Earl J. McCrillis
 Clara Kinney, Margaret Ziegler, Dorothy Hutchins, Dorothy Vogus, Robert Wallace, Ann Wallace, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Ellett, Janet Ellett, Susan Ellett, Allen Ellett, Robert Ellett.

Lutheran Church: Minister

Rev. Haldon Robarge
 Don Burtchin, Willard Olcott, Lenore Burtchin, Virginia Olcott, Roger Burtchin, Wayne Olcott, Mark Burtchin, John Olcott, Lena Smith, Eunice Olcott.

Episcopal Church: Minister

Harold Kuhlman
 Mrs. Harold Kuhlman, Billy Kuhlman, Patty Kuhlman, Mary Kuhlman, Kathy Kuhlman, Dickie Kuhlman, Bertha Pickett, Elaine Mellott.

St. Alphonsus Church: Priest

Ralph Helmstetter
 Altar Boys - Pat Helmstetter & William Geiger.
 Carol Geiger, Frieda Ott, Pat Schnurr, Carolyn Lons, Mary Ann Lons, Susan Lons, Mike Helmstetter.

Methodist Church: Minister

Earl LaRonde
 Mrs. Earl LaRonde, Joan LaRonde, Nancy LaRonde, Mrs. Geo. Scott, James Souslin, Kirby Scott, Bruce Ward, Melissa Scott, Mrs. Geo. Burras.

EPISODE FOUR - NORWALK ACADEMY DAYS

School Teacher: Monsieur L. Louis William Ruby

Boy Horseman Jimmy Foos

Pupils

Gillian Wiggins, Mary Davis, Virginia Chambers, Myrial Chambers, David Preston, Diane Preston, Jennifer Ross, Rita Oney, Tim Scott, Donna Ott, Christine Baker, Patrick Gorman, Jim Heter, Bea Griffin, Sharon Chambers, Melissa Scott.

EPISODE FIVE - MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS

Teacher Mrs. Theodore Sofios

Perfect Young Ladies

Barbara Kluding, Karen Sutter, Penny Rees, Linda Schlosser, Mary Beth Packard, Martha Locke, Mary Ann Whiteman, Gwen Robinson, Camie Felter, Mary Ellen Griffin, Karen Gettles, Virginia Hemenway, Lynn Casper.

EPISODE SIX - HORSE AND BUGGY DAYS

Speaker Edwin Woodworth

George T. Buckingham Ralph Locke

Samuel Preston Eddie Miller

George Kennan Tom McIntyre

Thomas Alva Edison Bill Comer

Paper Boy Randy Miller

Pioneer Girls

Marcella Hippler, Christie Miller, Carolyn Hippler, Carolyn Kluding, Terry Wise, Susie Knoll, Susan Wise, Marilyn Ballard, Karen Wise, Carol Ross, Janet Ellett, Linda Hart, Susan Ellett.

Pioneer Boys

Carl Hetter, Allen Ellett, Robert Ellett, Mickey Knoll, Mike Keefer, Dan Hart.

Horsemen Tom Siegler, John Baumeyer

Virginia Reel Dancers

Dr. & Mrs. Norman Ross, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Knoll and family, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Ellett, Betty Ellett, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Fishbaugh, Mr. & Mrs. John Wood, Margaret Harris, Roy Dendinger, Mr. & Mrs. Glen Ward, Edwin Woodworth, Donna Patton, Lois Dendinger, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Preston, Diane Preston, Sherry Dendinger, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Collier, Mrs. Jack Collier, Larry Patton, Bill Comer, Mrs. Christena Johannsen, Mr. & Mrs. Maynard Hart.

Musicians Harry & Verne Gordon

EPISODE SEVEN - TINTYPE GAY NINETIES

Theodore Willard Chester Jacks

Judge Charles Suhr Ralph Bartow

Dr. Hawley Curt Casper

Medicine Man Vernon Cone

Elmer the Photographer Roger McIntyre

Tandem Bicycle Riders Bertha Pickett, Lena Smith

THE CAST OF "FROM THOSE EMBERS" (Cont.)

Life Guards Fred Youse, Everett Meade

Keystone Kops Bruce Ward, Kirby Scott

Firemen

Richard Oppen, Jim Cole, Jim Souslin, Gunars Brunavs,
Nelson Myers, Ted Drake.

Bathing Beauties

Carol Perry, Nancy Albritton, Elaine Mellott, Caroline
Herner, Virginia Hemenway, Janet Woodworth, Julia
Woodworth, Joyce Woodworth, Judy Brinker.

Can - Can Dancers

Peggy Dean, Mary Lou Gfell, Janet Shelley, Maxine
Header, Lois Jastat, Elaine Mellott.

Surrey Driver Dave Steffanni

German Band

Denny Tucker, Pat Taylor, Jack Tossell, Dave Schnitz-
ler.

Gay Nineties Men & Women

Janet Woodworth, Julia Woodworth, Joyce Woodworth,
Judy Brinker, Frieda Ott, Erie Brunavs, Martha Frey,
Katharine Tucker, Hazel Ward, Helen Gfell, Alma Jacks,
Gerald Beck, Harold Kuhlman.

Man in Outhouse Walter Pleasnick

Baseball Players

Dave Ross, Roger Wilkinson, Neil Shipley, Lyle Shantz,
Jess Hirbe, Jack Gelvin, Jim Singer, Tom Freeman,
John Fish, Terry Ackerman, Jim Reeves, Dick Kuhlman.

EPISODE EIGHT - CAUSE OF DEMOCRACY

Firing Squad American Legion
Monroeville Post 547 Sch-Loe-Man

Comdr. Richard A. Wingate, Homer L. Palmer, John E.
Langhals, Charles E. Pierce, Louis I. Pocock, Richard C.
Schibley, Donald E. Morrow, Nelson V. Lonz, Leon P.
Preston.

Taps Men Eddie Wachtel, James Noyes

Lady in Flanders Field Mrs. Stella Ballard

Man in Flanders Field Fred Burr

EPISODE NINE - ROARING TWENTIES

Lady Mrs. Theodore Sofios

Charleston Ladies

Helen Casper, Lois Allen, Anne Bresson, Gloria Preston,
Myrta Drake, Louise Comer, Jean Schueler, Joanne
McFadden, Betty Simon, Mel Doubledee.

Charleston Men

Carl Doubledee, John Allen, Tom Carabin, Roger Mc-
Intyre, Dennie Tucker, John Lolla.

Car Drivers

Ray Simon, Arthur Boyles, Jim Schaffer, Jack Ames.

EPISODE TEN - SIEGE FOR FREEDOM

Boy Walter Pleasnick

Girl Mollie Mahlke

Iwo Jima Flag Raising

Marines: Dick Spinello, Rich Oppen, Gerald Beck,
Roger McIntyre, Jim Ebert, Don Pigman.

EPISODE ELEVEN - ATOMIC BLAST

Officers, Soldiers and Civilians: Dick Spinello, Jim
Ebert, Don Pigman, Roger McIntyre, Jim Cole, Kirby
Scott, Jim Souslin, Rich Oppen, Gerald Beck, Bill Brown,
Neil Casper, Ralph Bartow, Bernard F. Kean, Robert
Charville, Herb Schaffer.

EPISODE TWELVE - CITIZENS OF TOMORROW

Basketball

George Potts, Steve Schumm, Don Dempsey, Bob Bur-
rill, Mike Ebert, Jim Lonz.

Teen-age Rock & Roll

Bob Connors, Elaine Schaffoe, Sally Pickett, Phil Minor,
Joyce Connors, Bob Padisak.

Golf

Mary Lou Gfell, Joyce Gfell, Bobbi Baxter.

Bike Hikes John Wyatt & Wanda Walker

Boys Baseball

Charles Furey, Joey Fisher, Ronnie Kuhlman, John
Kuhlman.

Girls Softball

Frances King, Evelyn Smith, Rita McFadden, Vicki
Weisenberger, Phyllis Armstrong.

Baton

Donna Schauss, Diane Dempsey, Kathy Baisch, Karen
Harshberger, Katie Ruffing.

Tennis Mike Wynkoop, Janet Wilson

Archery Charles Werner, Larry Werner

Arts & Handicraft

Carol Heyman, Mary Ann Schauss, Karen Hespler,
Sharen Hespler, Susie Wise.

Croquet Dean Wilhelm, John Schumm

Jr. Trampoline

Joan Wells, Doug Joyce, Terry Wise.

Large Trampoline

Ronnie Manns, Karol Grubb, Kathy Grubb, Harold Neal,
Ronnie Gringold, Jeanne Chase, Dorothy Joyce.

Tumbling

Fran Freeman, Sharon Schillig, Gretchen Ferris, Gret-
chen Faulhaber, Terry Tucker, Tom Temple.

Swimmers Lynnette Walls, Patty Sanford

Cheerleaders

Barbara Camp, Sonya Yarmaluk, Mary Ann Burrill,
Pat Fish.

Stage Hands

Dave Steffani, Jim Steffani, Steve Roth, Tom Roth,
Bob Conner, Chuck Russakov, Ronnie Craven, Jerry
Craven, Gunars Brunavs, Tom Heckelman, Neil Casper.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Seated L to R: - Ralph Poth, Paul Carpenter, Bernard Logan, John Wise, Paul Tucker

Standing, 1st row, L to R: - Harold Collier, Robert Burr, A. M. Lendrum, Carol Miller, Jess Stevens, Herman Schaafsma

Standing, 2nd row, L to R: - Herbert Lawrie, Walter Naylor, Vincent Hipp, K. Flickinger, Curt Casper

Absent from the picture are: - John Ernsthause, W. D. Conway, Dorothy Mack, Robert White



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Grounds Committee: Mr. Leslie Burras, Chairman.

Costume and Makeup Committee: Mrs. Elmer Lipke, Chairman; Mrs. John Arthur, Miss Janet Twaddle, Miss Elsie Miller, Miss Phyllis Thompson, Miss Mary Shaffoe, Mrs. Edward Meacer, Miss Martha McConaha, Mrs. Jack Kreinbihl, Mrs. Wayne White, Mrs. Richard Obermiller, Mrs. Lawrence Hilson, Mrs. Herb Mann, Miss Pam Miller, Mrs. Tennis Miller, Miss Ann Robertson, Mrs. Donald Robertson, Mrs. Sue Obringer.

Sound System Committee: Mr. William Wilkinson.

PUBLICITY DIVISION

Herman Schaafsma, Chairman

Press Release Committee: Jay Greulich, Chairman.

Radio and T. V. Committee: James Overhuls, Chairman.

Distributive Committee: Thomas Ican, Chairman; Richard Hines, Don Holher, Herbert Shick, Ed White.

Speakers Committee: Richard Boose, Chairman; Frank Barber, Jess Stevens, Thomas M. Dorsey, William S. Young, Arnold J. Elenbaas, George Kerr, Walter O. Karnes, Harry F. Gilbert, Richard J. Wagner.

Special Projects Committee: Tony Paris, Chairman.

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A. M. Lendrum, Chairman

Dignitaries and Guests Committee: Dudley White, Chairman.

Pioneer Event Committee: Homer Robinson, Chairman.

Traffic and Safety Committee: Raymond G. Chapin, Chief of Police, Chairman; Captain S. D. Mullinix - Parades; Captain Burdette De Walt - Police and Auxiliary Police; Albert Lelakus, State Highway Patrol - 2nd in charge. Norwalk Auxiliary Post; Deputy Herbert Schafer - Fair Grounds Police; Chief William Lohman - Fire Department; Robert Young - Ambulance and First Aid.

Hospitality Center Committee: Rae Preston, Chairman; Mrs. Alice White, Miss Laura Ritzenthaler, Mrs. Olene Burdue, Mrs. Guy Humiston.

Housing Committee: Joe Dudley, Chairman.

Transportation Committee: James Ewell, Chairman.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND SPECIAL DAYS DIVISION

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(Special Events)

Merchants Promotion Committee: William Walker, Chairman

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Music Committee: Floyd Heys, Chairman; Paul Laycock, Ray Zuercher, Harvey Hayes.

(Special Days)

Saturday, July 25, 1959

OPENING DAY

Mayor Louis Frey, Chairman

Sunday, July 26, 1959

SESQUICENTENNIAL SUNDAY

Leander Hipp, John Ernsthausen, Mrs. A. B. Mann, Raymond Zuercher.

Monday, July 27, 1959

HOMECOMING DAY

A. R. Showalter, Chairman; Homer Robinson, Walter Hite, K. S. Flickinger, Richard Blackburn, Morgan Jones, Averill Ellis, Richard Jones, C. E. Fox, Eli Joyce, Dr. Norman Ross.

Tuesday, July 28, 1959

YOUTH DAY

Eli Joyce, Chairman; Dorothy Joyce, Harry Gordon, Robert Hill, Miss Jean Chase, Louis Nardecchia, Ike Liedorf, Vernon Gordon.

Wednesday, July 29, 1959

LADIES' DAY

Miss Mae Lloyd, Chairman; Miss Violet Suhr, Mrs. Margaret Miller, Mrs. Elfreda Crayton, Miss Janet Miller, Mrs. Mary Becker, Miss Joyce Badger, Mrs. Catherine Fadley.

Thursday, July 30, 1959

TRANSPORTATION DAY

D. H. Gilhousen, Chairman; Rollie Miller, F. F. Waugh, F. W. McIntyre, Thomas Dorsey, Mrs. Lawrence Nickoli, Jr.

Friday, July 31, 1959

INDUSTRIAL DAY

Cyril Dawson, Jr., Chairman; James Stewart, Gustav Eberman, Mrs. V. L. Brouhard, Earl McCrillis, Clyde Thomas, Dale Baker, John Conry, Clara Lau, Kenneth Serville, Mary Finch, Barnes Graham.

Saturday, August 1, 1959

FRATERNAL DAY

Alvin Atyeo & Thomas Paffenbarger, Co-Chairmen; Lena Smith, Marjorie Burr, Mrs. Gordon Stowers, George Baker, Mrs. Richard Coe, Henry Schaper, Mrs. L. C. Kittle, R. B. Hutton, Harrison Zuercher, Mrs. Harlan Austin, Mrs. Wilbur Schaffer.



PRE-CELEBRATION EVENTS BY THE BROTHERS OF THE BRUSH AND SESQUI-BELLES

Sesquicentennial Celebration — Calendar of Events

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1959

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| 9:00 a. m. | Official opening of Main Street Museum — All stores in downtown Norwalk | | Church and West Main Streets |
| 1:00 p. m. | Official opening of Midway — Rides and Concessions — Parking Lot — Corner of | 8:00 p. m. | Bonnet and Derby Teen Record Hop — Whitney Field Tennis Court |

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 1959 — QUEENS DAY

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| 9:00 a. m. | Viewing Main Street Museum — All stores in downtown Norwalk — (All week) | 7:00 p. m. | Official Opening Program — McGuan Park
Invocation The Rev. Fr. Norbert Howe,
St. Mary's Church |
| 12:00 noon | Firelands Historical Society Museum opens — 4 Case Avenue | | National Anthem Norwalk High Band |
| 1:00 p. m. | Kangaroo Kourt — Court House Square | | Official Welcome Mayor Louis G. Frey |
| 1:00 p. m. | Midway opens — Rides and Concessions — Parking Lot — Corner of Church and West Main Streets | | A Word of Thanks Paul Tucker |
| | | | Address Hon. A. D. Baumhart, M. C. |
| | | | Benediction .. The Rev. George H. Van Doren
St. Paul's Episcopal Church |
| 6:00 p. m. | Homecoming and Queens Parade — Forms on Wooster and Foster Streets between Main and League Streets, proceeds to Main Street, west on Main to State Street, north to McGuan Park, and assembles for Official Opening Program | 9:00 p. m. | Sesquicentennial Queens Ball — V. F. W. Hall — Milan Avenue — Dancing to the music of Ken Braque's orchestra and Hank Braunhardt's Square Dance Band. Special feature will be the announcement of winners of the Firelands Sesquicentennial Queen Contest. |
| | | 1:00 a. m. | |

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 1959 — SESQUICENTENNIAL SUNDAY

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| a. m. | Mass will be offered in all Catholic churches. Sermons will stress 150 years of religious growth in The Firelands. | 1:00 p. m. | Benefit Horse Show — Sponsored by the Norwalk Riding Club — Proceeds go to Huron County Crippled Children's Fund — Huron County Fair Grounds |
| a. m. | Appropriate services in all Protestant churches. | | |
| 7:00 a. m. | Breakfast Fly-in at Norwalk Airport — Route U.S. 250, North of Norwalk. | 1:00 p. m. | Registration of Homecomers and Oldtimers to at Hospitality Headquarters at D.A.R. House — 63 West Main Street |
| 12:00 Noon to Dusk | Air Show — Norwalk Airport —featuring New Aircraft displays, Model Airplane meet, United States Air Force projects, prizes, and many other events all day. | 5:00 p. m. | House — 63 West Main Street |
| 1:00 p. m. | Midway opens — Rides and Concessions — Parking Lot — Corner of Church and West Main. Rides ½ price until 6:00 P. M. | 8:00 p. m. | Sesquicentennial Heritage Program - United Chorus - all churches in Firelands —High School Auditorium |
| | | | Speaker — Senator Abner W. Sibal,
Connecticut State Legislature |

MONDAY, JULY 27, 1959 — HOMECOMING DAY

(Greenwich, New London, North Fairfield Day)

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| 9:00 a. m. | Viewing Main Street Museum — All stores in downtown Norwalk — (All week) | 5:00 p. m. | Old Fashioned Basket Picnic Supper — to Sports Events (all ages) — Old Fashioned Songfest, Barber Shop Quartette — Huron County Fair Grounds |
| 12:00 Noon | Band Concert in front of Court House — | 8:00 p. m. | |
| 12:00 Noon to 6:00 | Special Conducted Tours of Firelands Historical Society Museum — 4 Case Avenue | 5:30 p. m. | Youth Swimming Meet - Races and Contests (ages - 10 to 16) Boys and Girls - Norwalk Swimming Pool Sponsored by The Junior Chamber of Commerce |
| 1:00 p. m. | Registration of Homecomers and Oldtimers at Hospitality Headquarters at D.A.R. House — 63 West Main Street | 8:30 p. m. | Official Welcome Program for all the Mayors of the Firelands and surrounding area, Mayor Louis G. Frey presiding. Prior to Pageant |
| 5:00 p. m. | House — 63 West Main Street | 9:00 p. m. | Opening performance of the Mammoth Historical Spectacle "From Those Embers". Coronation of the Queen of the Firelands Sesquicentennial — Huron County Fair Grounds |
| 1:00 p. m. | Midway opens — Rides and Concessions — Parking Lot — Corner of Church and West Main Streets | 10:45 p. m. | Finale — Fireworks — Huron County Fair Grounds |
| 1:00 p. m. to 4:00 | Tour and Lecture at Norwalk Library | | |
| 2:00 p. m. to 4:00 | Youth Hobby Show — Armory — Corner of Monroe and Case — All week | | |

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 1959 — YOUTH DAY

(Monroeville, Vermilion Day)

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| 7:00 a. m. to 9:00 | Breakfast in the Park — Boys and Girls of all ages — Pleasant Street Park | 10:00 a. m. | Baby Show (0-3 years) Pleasant Street Park (Pleasant Street School Gymnasium if rain) |
| 9:00 a. m. | Viewing Main Street Museum — All stores in downtown Norwalk — (All week) | 11:30 a. m. | Sack Lunch - McGuan Park - Grade School |
| 9:00 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. | Junior and Senior High School Track and Field Events — Whitney Field —Races, Relays, Broad jump, Softball throw, etc. | 11:30 a. m. | Sack Lunch - Whitney Field — JUNIOR - SENIOR High |
| | | 12:00 noon | Firelands Historical Society Museum opens — 4 Case Avenue |

- 12:15 p. m. Cotton Snowballs containing lucky numbers for prizes will be dropped by plane — McGuan Park
- 12:30 p. m. Group singing, story telling - McGuan Park (13 years and under)
- 1:00 p. m. Grade School sport and Contest Activities, Races, Relays, Squirt Gun, Watermelon eating and Cracker eating Contests, etc. — McGuan Park
- 1:00 p. m. Junior - Senior High and Adult Swim (14 years and up) Norwalk Municipal Pool.
- 1:00 p. m. Registration of Homecomers and Oldtimers at Hospitality Headquarters at D.A.R. House — 63 West Main Street
- 5:00 p. m. Midway opens — Rides and Concessions — Parking Lot — Corner of Church and West Main
- 1:00 p. m. Youth Hobby Show — Armory — Corner of Monroe and Case — All week

- 5:00 p. m. Formation of Youth Parade - State Street
- 6:00 p. m. Youth Parade — route - State to Main to Foster to Seminary to High School Playground and disperse — Square Dance for Grade School Boys and Girls at High School Playground following parade and prize drawings.
- 8:00 p. m. Ike Liedorff Teen Record Hop — Whitney to 11:00 tennis courts
- 8:30 p. m. Youth Program prior to Pageant — Huron County Fair Grounds
- 9:00 p. m. Second performance of the Mammoth Spectacle "From Those Embers," — Huron County Fair Grounds
- 10:45 p. m. Finale — Fireworks — Huron County Fair Grounds

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 1959 — LADIES DAY

(Plymouth, Willard Day)

- 8:30 a. m. Ladies' Breakfast — Pleasant Street Park
- 9:00 a. m. Viewing Main Street Museum — All stores in downtown Norwalk — (All week)
- 9:30 a. m. Ladies' Sports — Pleasant Street Park Volleyball — Softball — Trampoline — Croquet — Badminton — Shuffleboard — Tennis — Basket Shooting Contests, Relays, Races
- 10:00 a. m. Cooking and Homemaking Show, "The After-Five Hostess", by The Ohio Fuel Gas Company, under the direction of Mrs. Kathryn Ashcraft, Home Service Field Supervisor — High School Auditorium. Door Prizes.
- 11:00 a. m. White Collar Luncheon and Style Show — to Universalist Church, West Main Street (Ticket necessary)
- 1:30 p. m. Firelands Historical Society Museum opens — 4 Case Avenue

- 1:00 p. m. Registration of Homecomers and Oldtimers at Hospitality Headquarters at D.A.R. House — 63 West Main Street
- 5:00 p. m. Midway opens — Rides and Concessions — Parking Lot — Corner of Church and West Main. Rides ½ price until 6:00 P. M.
- 2:00 p. m. Youth Hobby Show — Armory — Corner of Monroe and Case — All week
- 3:30 p. m. Garden Party — home of Mr. and Mrs. Phil H. Fulstow, 99 West Main Street
- 8:30 p. m. Norwalk Majorettes, prior to Pageant — Huron County Fair Grounds
- 9:00 p. m. Third performance of the Mammoth Historical Spectacle "From Those Embers" — Huron County Fair Grounds
- 9:30 p. m. Block Dance — South Linwood Avenue, between Main and Seminary Streets
- 10:45 p. m. Finale — Fireworks — Huron County Fair Grounds

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 1959 — TRANSPORTATION DAY

Berlin Heights, Norwalk, Wakeman Day)

- 9:00 a. m. Viewing Main Street Museum — All stores in downtown Norwalk — (All week)
- 9:00 a. m. Rail and Automotive equipment display and demonstration — Water Street Parking Lot and N.K.P. siding
- 5:00 p. m. Second Annual Sidewalk Art Show — Both sides of Main Street
- 9:30 a. m. to Dusk
- 12:00 Noon Transportation Luncheon — V. F. W. Hall — Milan Avenue - Norwalk — Dr. Lester L. Waters, Professor of Transportation, Indiana University, and outstanding international authority on transportation and business — Attendance limited to 300 — Sponsored by the transportation companies
- 12:00 noon Firelands Historical Society Museum opens — 4 Case Avenue
- 1:00 p. m. Registration of Homecomers and Oldtimers at Hospitality Headquarters at D.A.R. House — 63 West Main Street
- 5:00 p. m.

- 1:00 p. m. Midway opens — Rides and Concessions — Parking Lot — Corner of Church and West Main
- 2:00 p. m. Youth Hobby Show — Armory — Corner of Monroe and Case — All week
- 7:00 p. m. Transportation Parade (Modern equipment used in the various phases of present transportation. All body types and industrial specialties) Route of parade — Ohio 18 and U.S. 20 on Main Street to Court House, south on Norwood to Fair Grounds
- 8:30 p. m. Honoring pioneer men of transportation — prior to the Pageant — Huron County Fair Grounds
- 9:00 p. m. Fourth performance of the Mammoth Historical Spectacle "From Those Embers" — Huron County Fair Grounds
- 10:45 p. m. Finale — Fireworks — Huron County Fair Grounds

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 1959 — INDUSTRIAL DAY

(Bellevue, Milan Day)

- 9:00 a. m. Viewing Main Street Museum — All stores in downtown Norwalk — (All week)
- 9:00 a. m. to 11:00 Tours of Participating Plants

- 10:00 a. m. Invitational Boat Ride around Lake Erie to Islands honoring John E. Sloane — sponsored by Clevite Harris Products Inc.
- 4:00 p. m.

- 12:00 Noon Invitational Luncheon honoring Mrs. John E. Sloane at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Britton D. Young
- 12:00 noon Firelands Historical Society Museum opens — 4 Case Avenue
- 1:00 p. m. Registration of Homecomers and Oldtimers to Hospitality Headquarters at D.A.R. House — 63 West Main Street
- 5:00 p. m. Midway opens — Rides and Concessions — Parking Lot — Corner of Church and West Main
- 2:00 p. m. Youth Hobby Show — Armory — Corner of Monroe and Case — All week to 4:00
- 1:00 p. m. Tours of Participating Plants to 3:00

- 4:30 p. m. Fish Fry — Eagles Home — East Monroe Street to 7:00
- 7:00 p. m. Industrial Bowling Tournament — City to 9:00 Bowling Center — Milan Avenue
- 8:30 p. m. Tribute to Thomas A. Edison — Mrs. John E. Sloane, honored guest
- 8:45 p. m. Crowning of the Industrial King and Queen by Mrs. John E. Sloane
- 9:00 p. m. Fifth performance of the Mammoth Historical Spectacle "From Those Embers" — Huron County Fair Grounds
- 9:30 p. m. Block Dance — South Linwood Avenue, between Main and Seminary Streets. Music by Elmer Rise & his Music Masters.
- 10:45 p. m. Finale — Fireworks — Huron County Fair Grounds

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 1959 — VETERANS & FRATERNAL DAY

(Castalia, Sandusky Day)

- 8:00 a. m. Brothers-of-the-Brush Breakfast — Eagles Home — East Monroe Street — Dutch Treat
- 9:00 a. m. Flag Raising Ceremony — Court House Square — By the V. F. W. and the American Legion
- 9:30 a. m. Band Concert — Court House Square — By Junior Brothers-of-the-Brush Band
- 10:00 a. m. Military Displays open - Downtown Norwalk
- 10:00 a. m. Penny Pal Cartoon Show — Schine's Norwalk Theatre
- 10:00 a. m. Beard Judging Contest — Court House Square (All bearded men must be present when judging starts)
- 10:30 a. m. Chuck Wagon opens — Roasted ox sandwiches — Court House Square
- 11:30 a. m. Exhibition by Monroeville Legionettes — directed by Sunni Evans — Court House Square
- 11:30 a. m. Open House at all Veterans and Fraternal Club Houses — Members and Guests only (All day)
- 12:00 noon Firelands Historical Society Museum opens — 4 Case Avenue

- 1:00 p. m. Band Concert — By Clown Band of Defiance, Ohio — Court House Square
- 2:30 p. m. Feature Parade — Forms on Wooster, Foster, and Prospect Streets between Main and League Streets, proceeds to Main Street, west on Main to Court House, to Norwood, to the Huron County Fair Grounds to be reviewed at the Grand Stand
- 5:00 p. m. Chicken Bar-B-Que — Huron County Fair Grounds — Free entertainment — Band Concerts, Sesqui-Belle Style Show, presenting prizes to winners of the Beard Judging Contest and many others to 7:30 p. m.
- 8:30 p. m. Remington Rand Shave-Off Contest — Tribute to the Flag by Wm. Herner — Presenting Honored Guest of the Day — Huron County Fair Grounds
- 9:00 p. m. Sixth and final performance of the Mammoth Historical Spectacle "From Those Embers" — Huron County Fair Grounds
- 10:45 p. m. Finale — Fireworks — Huron County Fair Grounds
Dancing at all Veterans and Fraternal organizations

ALL WEEK EVENTS

All day - Viewing Main Street Museum, all stores in downtown Norwalk; Noon - Firelands Historical Society Museum opens, 4 Case Avenue; 1:00 P. M. Midway opens - Amusement rides and concessions - Parking Lot corner West Main and Church Streets; 1:00 - 5:00 P. M. - Registration and information for home-comers and old-timers, D.A.R. House, 63 West Main Street; 2:00 P.M. - Youth Hobby Show, Armory, corner Monroe and Case Avenue.

FOR ANY ADDITIONAL EVENTS, OR CHANGES, CONSULT THE NEWSPAPER

ADMISSION WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL EVENTS

The historical spectacle "From Those Embers" - Box Seats, \$2.50; Reserved Seats, \$2.00; General Admission, \$1.50 for Adults and 75¢ for students under 12 years of age. Tickets may be purchased at Sesquicentennial Headquarters, 31 Benedict Avenue until 4:30 P. M. or at the Box-Office at the Huron County Fairgrounds from 7:00 P. M. until show-time. Advance Ticket coupons may be used.

Sesquicentennial Queen's Ball, \$2.00 per person. Advance Ticket coupons may be used.

Norwalk Riding Club Benefit Horse Show, Huron County Fairgrounds, \$1.00 per person. Proceeds to Huron County Society for Crippled Children.

Transportation Luncheon, V. F. W. Clubhouse, Milan Avenue, Sponsored by the Transportation Industry. Attendance limited.

Breakfast Fly-In and Air Show, Norwalk Airport. Adults \$1.00, Children 75¢. Everyone invited.

PARKING INFORMATION — Spectator parking for "From Those Embers" in West Street parking area, Huron County Fairgrounds. Parking along Fair Road reserved for cast parking only.

Parking for Saturday, August 1: North Side, V. F. W. Parking Lot, Milan Avenue — South Side, Huron County Fairgrounds — West Side, K. of C. Parking Lot — East Side, Whitney Field.

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We are most grateful to all the girls who participated in the Firelands Sesquicentennial Queen Contest and, more especially, to those who promoted the celebration through the finish of the contest. Since the competition for the title of Firelands Sesquicentennial Queen was at its peak at the time the souvenir program was being printed, it was impossible to have photographs of the Queen and her Court.

We again salute those girls who have brought the Queen's Contest to a successful conclusion and we take great pride in listing their names:

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Our special thanks to all the wonderful people who contributed to the overall success of the Celebration and the Pageant, both financially and by countless hours of hard work. We regret that, due to their great number, it is not possible to list them all by name.

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During the Revolutionary War (July, 1779) the British and Tories under Gov. Tyron and Benedict Arnold invaded Connecticut and destroyed by fire the towns of Greenwich, Fairfield, Danbury, Ridgefield, Norwalk, New and East Haven, New London and Groton. The General Assembly of the State of Connecticut at its May Session, 1792, as an indemnity to the Fire Sufferers in the above named towns, appropriated and granted to said Sufferers, "Five hundred thousands acres of land belonging to this state to be divided to and among the Sufferers and their legal representatives where they are dead and to their heirs and assigns, in proportion to the several sums annexed to their names."

On April 15, 1803, the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, passed an "Act to incorporate the owners and proprietors of the half million acres of land lying south of Lake Erie in the County of Trumbull." (By the act of the Territorial Government of Ohio, Dec. 6, 1800, Trumbull County had been organized to embrace all of "The Western Reserve.")

On February 7, 1809, by act of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, the County of Huron was created and included all of the "Firelands" or "Sufferers' so-called (being all Huron and Erie Counties as at present organized, and in addition the townships of Danbury, now a part of Ottawa County, Ruggles, now a part



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of Ashland County) and on January 31, 1815, the General Assembly passed an act to organize said County of Huron and provided for the election of County Officers.

The Board of Directors of the "Proprietors of the half million acres" on Nov. 8, 1808, adopted and on November 9, 1808 carried out the following plan for the division and partition of the "Sufferers' Lands" among the sufferers and their assigns:

There were 30 Townships to be distributed. There being 4 Sections to each Township, there were 120 sections. The whole amount of the loss was therefore divided into 120 equal parts, each part representing 1344 pounds 7 shillings.

This sum was therefore the value of each Section or $\frac{1}{4}$ of a township. 120 tickets were prepared. On each was written the names of various sufferers, classified in such a way that their losses aggregated 1344 pounds

7 shillings. Four of these tickets, numbered respectively 1, 2, 3 and 4 representing 5377 pounds 8 shillings, equivalent to the value of a whole township, were taken and rolled up together, forming a package. In this way 30 packages were formed, or as many as there were Townships.

These packages of "classification" were placed in a box, and in another box were placed 30 tickets, each containing the four sections of one township. Then a disinterested person drew from the box of Township tickets and some other person drew from the other box a package of "classifications." The package and the four tickets were then opened. Ticket No. 1 corresponded to Section No. 1; Ticket No. 2 to Section No. 2; Ticket No. 3 to Section No. 3; and Ticket No. 4 to Section No. 4.

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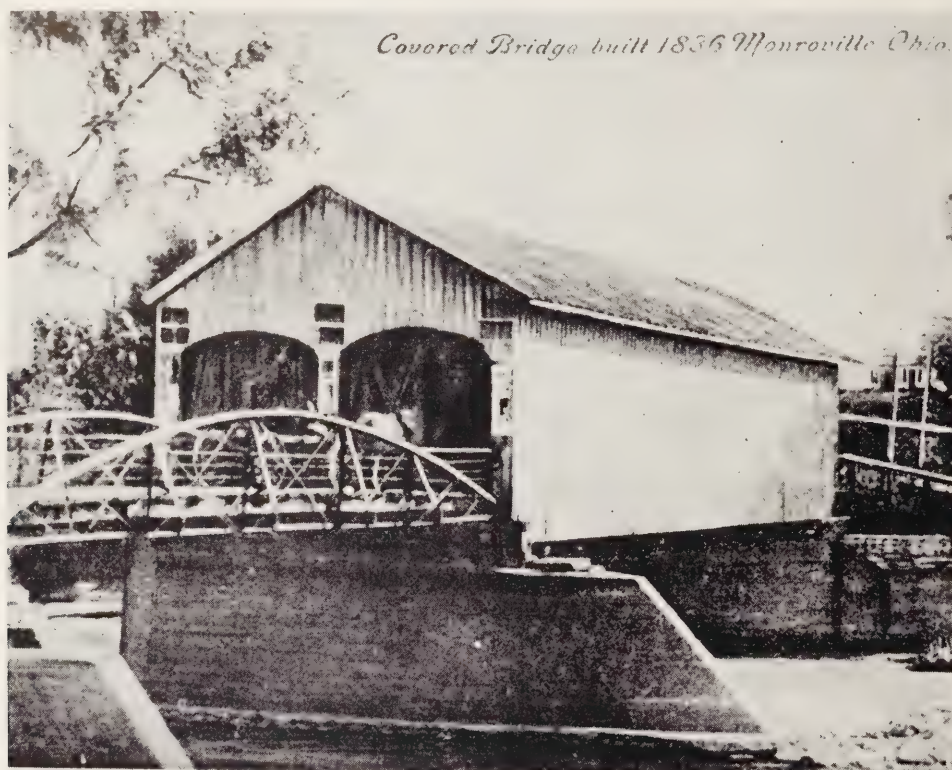
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EARLY SETTLEMENTS AND TOWNS, Continued

MONROEVILLE

The village of Monroeville was laid out on September 29, 1817. It was then named Monroe and continued to be known by that name until the establishment of a post office. In 1836 an addition of 141 lots was made. The village was incorporated in 1868, and the first election was held. John Sowers and Seth Brown laid out the village. At that time the settlement of Monroeville has few homes, one tavern, one store, two blacksmith shops, a grist mill, and a saw mill. It also had a wine cellar which was located near the Water Works. The cellar part may still be seen, as well as parts of old barrels.

The Octagon House is Monroeville's show spot, said to have been built in 1856. It is in the heart of town, located on Route 20. Built of red brick, it is four stories high — counting the glassed-in cupola on top, which was used as a look-out for Indians.

BERLIN HEIGHTS

Prior to the 1800's there was a trading post established along the lake shore. A French Canadian named Jean Baptiste Flemond had a post at the mouth of the Huron River, in 1790, and settled there in 1805. The country, now Berlin Township, was Indian Land. It was heavily wooded and criss-crossed by Indian Trails. One of them was a path now followed quite closely by State Routes 2 & 6, crossed in the vicinity of Old State Road, No. 113. Until 1837 Milan and Berlin Heights were known as Eldridge. In that year what had been one township became two towns — Milan and Berlin Heights. There were at least three Underground Railway stations by which runaway slaves were helped to freedom.



Built with broad wheels to travel in deep soil and over the fields, this is an authentic Conestoga covered wagon and double team of oxen; used by the early settlers of the Firelands. It is owned by Vance Swickard, of Toronto, Ohio.

(CONESTOGA — A small town in southeastern Pennsylvania, after which the wagon is named)

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Early settlers in the Firelands traveled most of the time by "shank's mare" over paths made by Buffalo, Deer and Elk, and trails made by the numerous tribes of Indians leading south from Lake Erie to the Ohio River, especially along the east bank of the Huron River. After the Indian trails came the first dirt roads, then corduroy and gravel.



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SANDUSKY

This place was widely known as Ogontx Place in memory of an Indian Chief who had lived there with his tribe. In 1816 Judge Zalmon Wildman of Danbury, Conn. laid out a small village plat to which he gave the name of Portland. This was the beginning of Sandusky City. Judge Isaac then acquired an interest in the village. Judge Wildman put up a two-story frame building in 1817, later known as "The Old White Store."

In July of the same year a small store of goods was opened by Moores Farwell, in the employ of Mr. Wildman. There were only two log huts besides the store. In the summer of 1817, Wm. B. Smith built the first frame dwelling house.

In the fall of 1817 Cyrus W. Marsh began what he afterward called The Steam Boat Hotel. In 1818 the joint proprietors laid out a much larger village they named Sandusky City. In 1818 the three original settlers are joined by the following: John Weeden, George and Wesley Anderson, Lyman Farwell, Samuel and Leicester Walker, Abner Lyman, a Mr. Haskins, Issac Darling, Nathan T. Jennings, Wm. Yownsend, Wm. Hull, Daniel Newton, a Mr. Clemons and sons John, Andrew and Alexander; and Elijah and Benjamin Wolcott.

BELLEVUE

The first settler of Lyme Twp. was Conrad Hawks, who penetrated the thick woods in 1808. The next year came two temporary settlers Michael Widner and John Stull. Other early settlers were Asa Sherwood, George Ferguson, Major Joseph Strong, Charles Rash, Capt. Zadoc and Francis Strong, John Baker and Abner Strong. Captain Mark Hopkins was the first settler within the corporate limits of Bellevue. He came with his family and bachelor brother from Genesee County, N. Y. in 1815 and built a log house. Elnathan George, from the same place, was the next settler. He traded a cow for an acre of land and on this land, in 1816, he built the second building of the town. The next year he added onto the house and opened as a Tavern. The third settler was Return Burlingame who in 1817 built a log house and started a blacksmith shop on the Sandusky County side. Other early settlers in 1819 were John C. Kinney, Frederick A. Chapman, and Thomas C. Anderson. Anderson later opened Bellevue's pioneer store.



ROUND HOUSE OF LAKE SHORE AND MICHIGAN SOUTHERN - 1885

EARLY SETTLEMENTS AND TOWNS, Continued

FITCHVILLE

One hundred fifty years ago the territory now known as Fitchville was Town #2, Range 21. The first white settlers came here in the summer of 1817. They were Peter and Abraham Mead, and Amos Reynolds. The Meads and Reynolds came from Westchester, Conn. After clearing several acres they took up a large tract. At one time the village boasted of four very flourishing churches and several prominent hotels, among which was "THE MANSION HOUSE", Abraham Lincoln stopped over night here on several occasions. That hotel still stands at the intersection of U. S. Routes 250 and 13 and 162, in the center of the town.

In 1825 the first saw mill was built — a very primitive affair on the banks of the Vermilion River. The old race still marks the spot. Abel F. Eaton and his wife Sylvia came from Vermont to Greenwich Twp. in 1820. Their log cabin burned and they moved to Fitchville in 1826. Of this lineage there are two direct descendants living in Fitchville Twp. at this time — Mrs. A. E. Ganz and Paul Sackett.

NEW HAVEN

New Haven Twp. dates its first settlers to Caleb Palmer, a surveyor for Judge Isaac Mills of Connecticut Firelands Co. in 1810 or 1811. The village of New Haven dates about 1815, having been formed from the area within the township. Isaac was extremely active in the early development of the area. He was present at most of the meetings and aided materially in getting boundary lines definitely located. In March of 1805 he was appointed to procure a treaty with the Indians to extinguish all Indian claims to "The Firelands." He personally paid \$6000 to the Indians for clear title in June 1805. It is probable that this amount was returned to him by the Firelands Company later. The village of New Haven was laid out April 8, 1815, by David & Royal Powers. This was the second village in the Firelands area. Following the pattern of New Haven, Conn. there was a town square, with streets leading from each angle. The rest of the streets and alleys were at right angles and equi-distance from the Square.

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NEW LONDON

The village of New London, formerly called King's Corners, was incorporated in 1853. It was so named because the original proprietors — Nathaniel Richards and Nathan Douglas — came here from New London, Conn. The first white settlers were Abner Green and family, who came to New London on foot, carrying on his back all his earthly possessions. The Wyandot and Delaware Indians in the area were very friendly. The names of some of the other early settlers were Townsend, Case, Monson, Scribner, Porter and Hendry.

The great fire of 1872 left only two or three small buildings standing. The principal business square was almost entirely swept away.

CASTALIA

In 1836 the village of Castalia, at the head of Cold Creek, was laid out by Davidson Hadley & Co. and enjoyed a gradual growth for about twenty years. Cold Creek affords superior water power, in some respects. It is very little affected by drought and flood, being fed by subterranean springs. There is a fall of fifty-seven feet from the head to the bay. In 1810 a grist mill was built here by D. P. Snow. In 1811 a saw mill was built by Major Frederick Fally. In 1815 Eli Hunt took over this mill and furnished lumber for all the surrounding country. In 1819 another grist mill was erected by Joshua Pettingill and in 1822 Daniel Mark erected another saw mill. During all those early years several mills were built and prospered.

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P L Y M O U T H

Plymouth, then called Paris, was laid out in 1825 at the junction of latitude 41 and Beal's military road, by Abram Trux, John Barney and Lemuel Powers. It lay partly in New Haven Twp. and partly in Plymouth Twp. At the time plot included sixteen log cabins. Its population included a doctor, shoemaker, tanner, bricklayer, plasterer, wheelwright, blacksmith, a miller and saw mill operator. Also there were two distillers. About the year 1834 the village was incorporated and the name changed to Plymouth. The village took an early stand on temperance and for many years was avoided by a certain class because they said it was fanatical upon the drinking question. Plymouth early boasted of a marble works, novelty works, machine shop, wagon and carriage making shop, corn planter mfg., cabinet making firm, planing mill, harness mfg. firm, grist and saw mills. No history of Plymouth would be complete without bringing into prominence that eccentric name and great public benefactor, Johnny Appleseed. He caused the wilderness of Ohio to blossom and bear fruit for the pioneer and his children's children.

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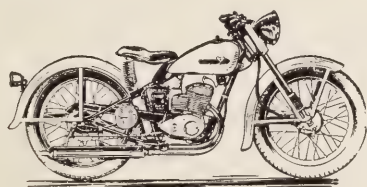
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FIFTY YEARS AGO

I have been asked to write my recollections of the Norwalk Centennial and Home Coming week held exactly fifty years ago, the dates being July 18 to 25, 1909. That great event was staged on Main Street between Case Avenue and Woodlawn Avenue, the entire street having been set aside for the many spectacular things scheduled for the "Home Coming."

As I remember it the Carnival spirit prevailed, bands played, hundreds of former residents came back home and the streets were "rife with people pacing restless up and down". It was a week of sheer delight to all of us, and to those of you who were there 'Charlie' it must surely be of the remembrances of a lifetime

The week opened with Sabbath services in all the Norwalk churches commemorative of the occasion. The afternoon service was a Union one held in the then practically new Methodist church. I believe a former pastor of the Norwalk church conducted the service. That pastor may have been the Reverend T. F. Hildreth, the Reverend Mr. Powell, the Reverend Mr. Hagerman or any other former minister. I have forgotten. There was some out of town minister or orator who did the actual address. From that time on through the week there was something doing every minute.

The Committee responsible for the entire week's entertainment was headed by the late C. F. Jackson as chairman assisted by the Norwalk mayor who at the time was Charles P. Venus, William Grant, I. W. Goodell and the late Judge Edgar Martin. From an old program I am able to name most of those who held places on the general committee. The list is too long to print. Needless to say that the work of the committee produced the greatest event, to my mind, ever put on in Norwalk. The names of those who gave their time to make the wonderful success that it was, read like the story of Norwalk of a century earlier. All names of men who were intent on the progress of the town as had been the men who preceeded them in the earlier years. On the committee were the names of fifty of Norwalk's very prominent citizens, and of the fifty, forty nine have passed away. I was one of the fifty and headed the advertising committee.

The week's program had been divided into certain "days:" School Day, Fraternity Day, Merchants and Manufacturers Day. Thursday was set aside as "Fireland's Day." Friday "Military Day" with the Grand Army boys taking over with Colonel James A. Sprague in complete charge. That day terminated with a grand military parade under the marshalship of the late J. M. Chaffee. The parade was headed by the Norwalk Police in uniforms. The police were followed by the then wonderful A. B. Chase band, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, Troop K of the 15th. United States cavalry (that unit happened to be passing through Norwalk at that particular time) The officers were prevailed on to stop long enough to eat and take part in the parade. The injection of more than fifty mounted troopers added greatly to the interest in the parade. Company G was of course a part as always of every parade and the Company from Fremont, Company B of the Sixth O. N. G.

All through the week hundreds of former residents came back to renew their youth and to see what strides had been made in the progress of the old town. Reunions were held wherever two or three had gathered together. The late Dean, the Reverend Arthur Dumper of St. Paul's Episcopal church was the chairman of the welcoming committee. It was a time of great rejoicing. The world was again at peace, Norwalk and the Fireland's prosperous. Norwalk's police station remained empty for there was little carousing with only joy, peace and happiness present during those five days.


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FIFTY YEARS AGO, Continued

Fifty years ago there were few automobiles to dodge, but there were many horses, none of which were permitted to park on Main street. That thoroughfare was entirely given over to fun and frolic. The street was gaily decorated with flags and bunting in the same manner as it is today. Any number of "shows" were on hand to liven the occasion. The one I recall best was known as the "Famous Robinson Shows," composed of several different side shows with the Robinson Royal Italian Concert Band which emitted fine music throughout the week. The "Home Coming" came to a close on the evening of Saturday, July 25, 1909 with a grand band concert and a re-union of the old Norwalk Band, the band which carried off the first honors and first prize in the Centennial celebration at Philadelphia in 1876.

Of course a Home Coming such as that had to have the backing of some organization. The Norwalk Chamber of Commerce of fifty years ago furnished that backing, although the merchants and citizens provided the wherewithal. The closing feature of the week's entertainment was a big banquet at which several hundred persons participated. The late Ed. L. Young was the toastmaster and just at the end of the meal he rose to propose the following toast:

"Forward Norwalk, Forward
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The Firelands Historical Society was organized May 20, 1857. It is the oldest historical society still existing in the Western Reserve. So far as we can ascertain, there is only one older historical society now existing in this country outside of the original thirteen states.

The purpose of the Society, as expressed in Article II of its original constitution, is as follows:

"Its objects are, to collect and preserve in proper form the facts constituting the full history of the 'Fire Lands'; also to obtain and preserve an authentic and general statement of their resources and productions, of all kinds."

The Society is unique in this, that the people who organized it were the original settlers of the Fire Lands. Platt Benedict, who founded the town of Norwalk, was the moving spirit in the creation of the Society. He realized that pioneers have always been too oppressed with the rigorous tasks of establishing civilization in the wilderness to leave an authentic and first hand account of their experiences. He sought to preserve for posterity that which no other pioneers had ever preserved, fully detailed accounts of the people who settled this area, when they came, what they found, what they did. To a remarkable extent, the founders of the Society succeeded in accomplishing their objects.

When the Society was organized, many of the original settlers of the Firelands were still living. Their stories were collected and published in the volumes of the **Firelands Pioneer**. Their crude utensils and treasured possessions were gathered to form the Firelands Museum.

A generation later, in 1880, the "sons of the pioneers" revitalized the Society, and caused it to be incorporated as a non-profit organization. The articles of incorporation were filed with the Secretary of State on June 9, 1880. They contain the following purpose clause:

"The purpose for which this corporation is formed, is to collect, preserve and publish in proper form, historical information and especially the facts constituting the full history of the Fire Lands and adjacent parts of Ohio, to obtain and preserve an authentic account of their resources and productions of their natural and archeological relics, curiosities and antiquities, and other scientific and historical collections. It is not for profit and has no capital stock."

The Society is the second of a group of three interrelated cultural organizations in Norwalk, but is the only non-local one, as it serves the entire Firelands, not just Norwalk.

The first of the three is the Whittlesey Academy of Arts & Science. Originally organized in 1854, it at first maintained both a museum and a library in its quarters on the third floor of the old Whittlesey Building.

Firelands Historical Society, Continued

When the Society was formed, it took over the museum functions, but for a great many years the major activity of the Society was in its meetings and publications, and the museum was more in the nature of exhibitions in connection with the Society's meetings than as a museum such as it now maintains.

In 1866, the Young Men's Library & Reading Room Association was organized, which gathered together as many as it could of the small private libraries in Norwalk, including the library of the Academy, into a subscription library.

Around 1890, the three organizations got together enough money to purchase the lot of land at the north east corner of Case Avenue and West Main Street in Norwalk. The large frame building on the lot became the library and museum. This was the first really permanent home for the Society, which previously had held its meetings at various places throughout the Firelands.

From the time of this purchase, the Society has made continuous efforts to improve its museum. A bequest of Six Thousand Dollars from Michael Lipsett of Plymouth was the starting point for the erection of the Firelands Memorial Building, which is now occupied by the Norwalk City School District Public Library. However, as time passed by, and the old families scattered, leaving their heirlooms to the Society's expanding collections of historical materials made its quarters in the Memorial Building inadequate.

The Library also became cramped for space, as the growth of the city increased the demand for its services. In 1946, The Young Men's Library & Reading Room Association launched a building project designed to meet the needs of both the Society and the Public Library Board. However, it took seven years of effort to bring things to the starting of the Society's present museum building, and the building itself was not opened until the one-hundredth anniversary of the formation of the Society in 1957.

In the early years of the Society, the publication of the **Firelands Pioneer** was its major activity. In recent years the Society has concentrated on its museum, and its publications have been neglected. However, from 1858 to 1937, thirty-eight volumes of the **Firelands Pioneer** were published, and in 1939 an index volume was added to the series. Work is progressing slowly upon the preparation of future publications.

Both the State and Federal Governments have recognized the non-profit educational and cultural nature of the Society, and have granted it tax exemptions.

From the time of its original organization, membership in the Society has always been open to any interested person. Presently there are two classes of memberships, life memberships and annual memberships. Membership in the Society carries many valuable privileges, but the most important one is that its members serve as a living bridge between the past and the future.



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After months of planning, as the bands play, parades pass in review and we watch, with tears and laughter, "From Those Embers", I try to find words to express "Thanks".

As I write the word, it would seem to be entirely inadequate to express to our underwriters, trustees, division heads, all those on committees, to the Mayors of the Firelands and all City and County officials my appreciation of the hours they have given to make this Celebration a success. Their only compensation has been the fact that we have united our community, publicized the Firelands and informed our people of their heritage.

Therefore, all I can say is, "Thanks for a job well done, and may the good Lord bless you for your efforts".

I would like also to extend my sincere welcome to our visitors, former residents and our own people. We hope you enjoy every minute of this Celebration.

Again, thanks to all.

Sincerely,

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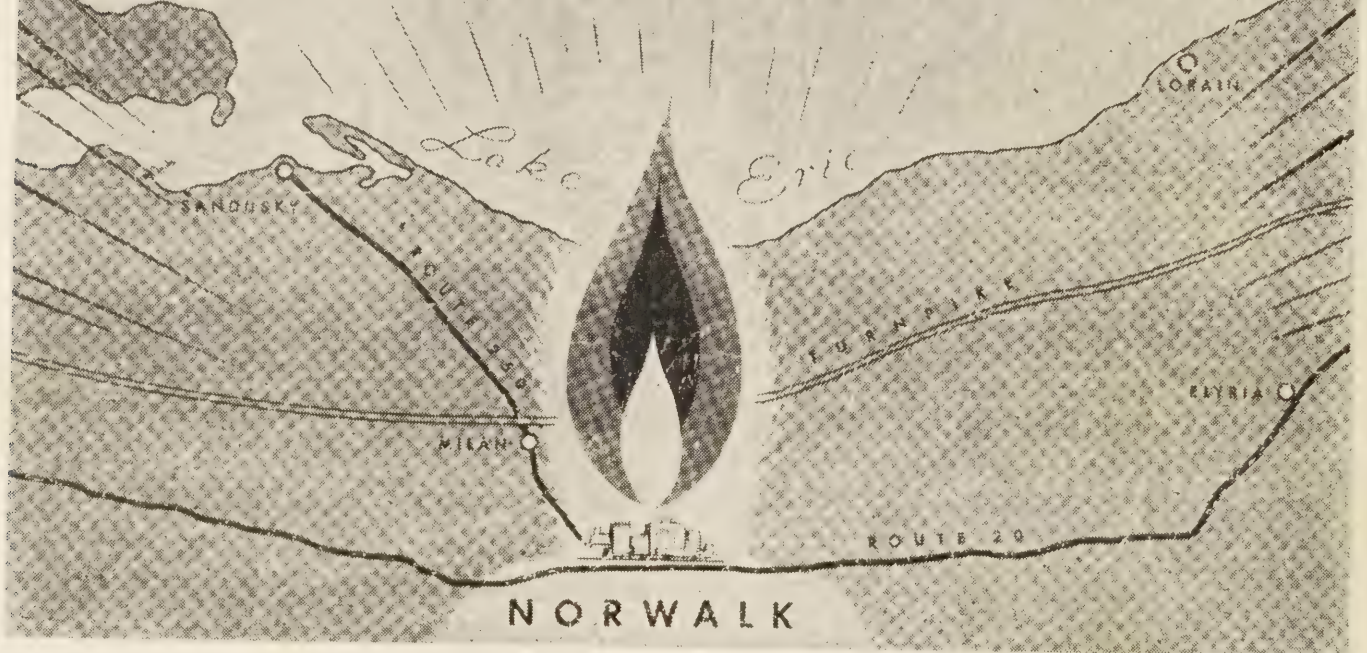
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